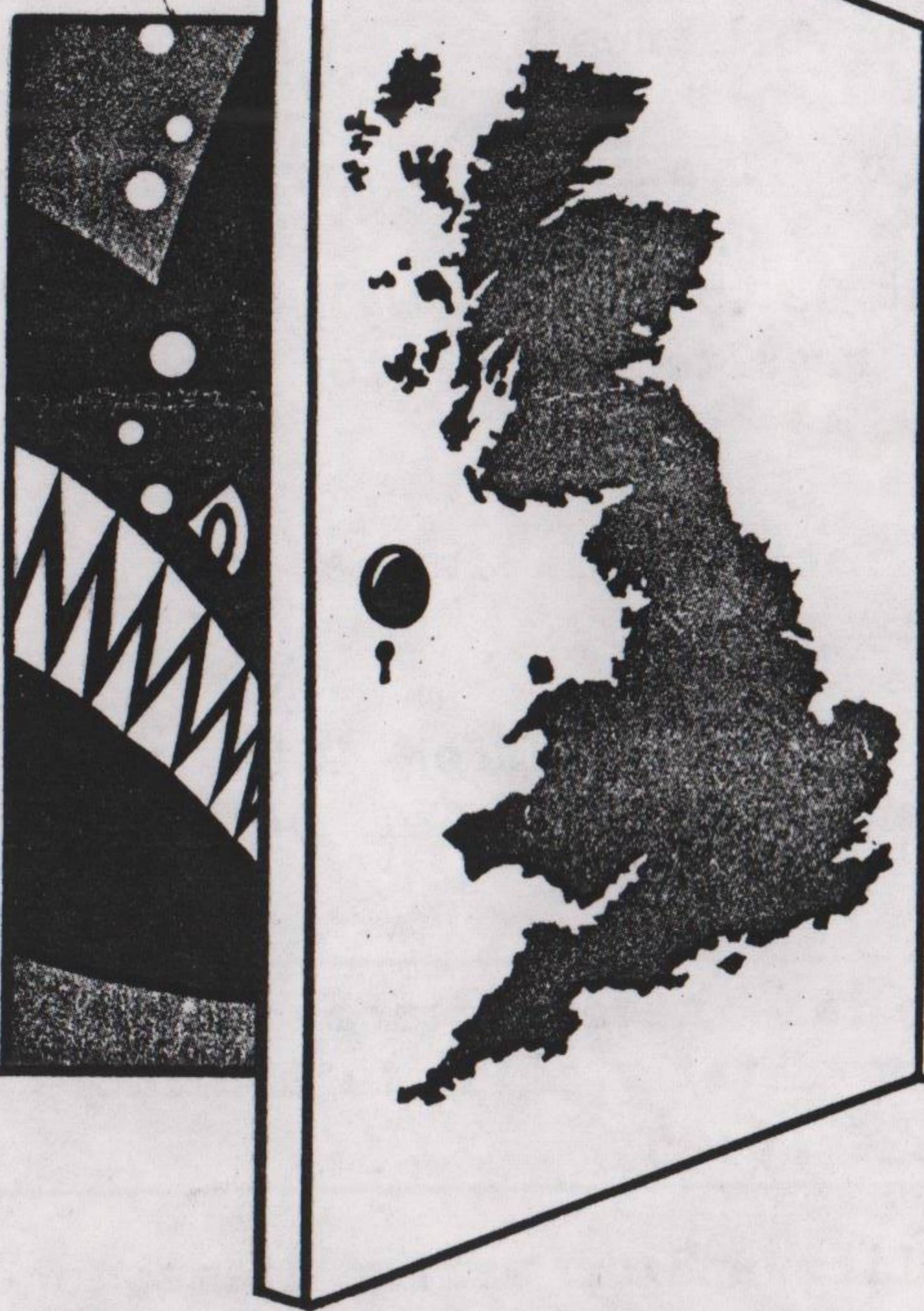


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SHUT TRIDENT OUT!



**SATURDAY, 31ST MARCH
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION
TO STOP TRIDENT**

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SHUT TRIDENT OUT

Saturday 31st March

Join in with actions throughout Britain and the USA to SHUT TRIDENT OUT. Actions are planned at 26 locations in Britain.

The initial plans for the action at Criggion, which is a support facility for Naval command control, communication, intelligence and surveillance are: **(A TRIDENT LISTENING POST)**

Meet in Welshpool at 11 a.m. for a march through the town.

Meet at Trewern at 12.45 p.m. to walk to Criggion (about 3 miles), there will be alternatives for those who would find this difficult.

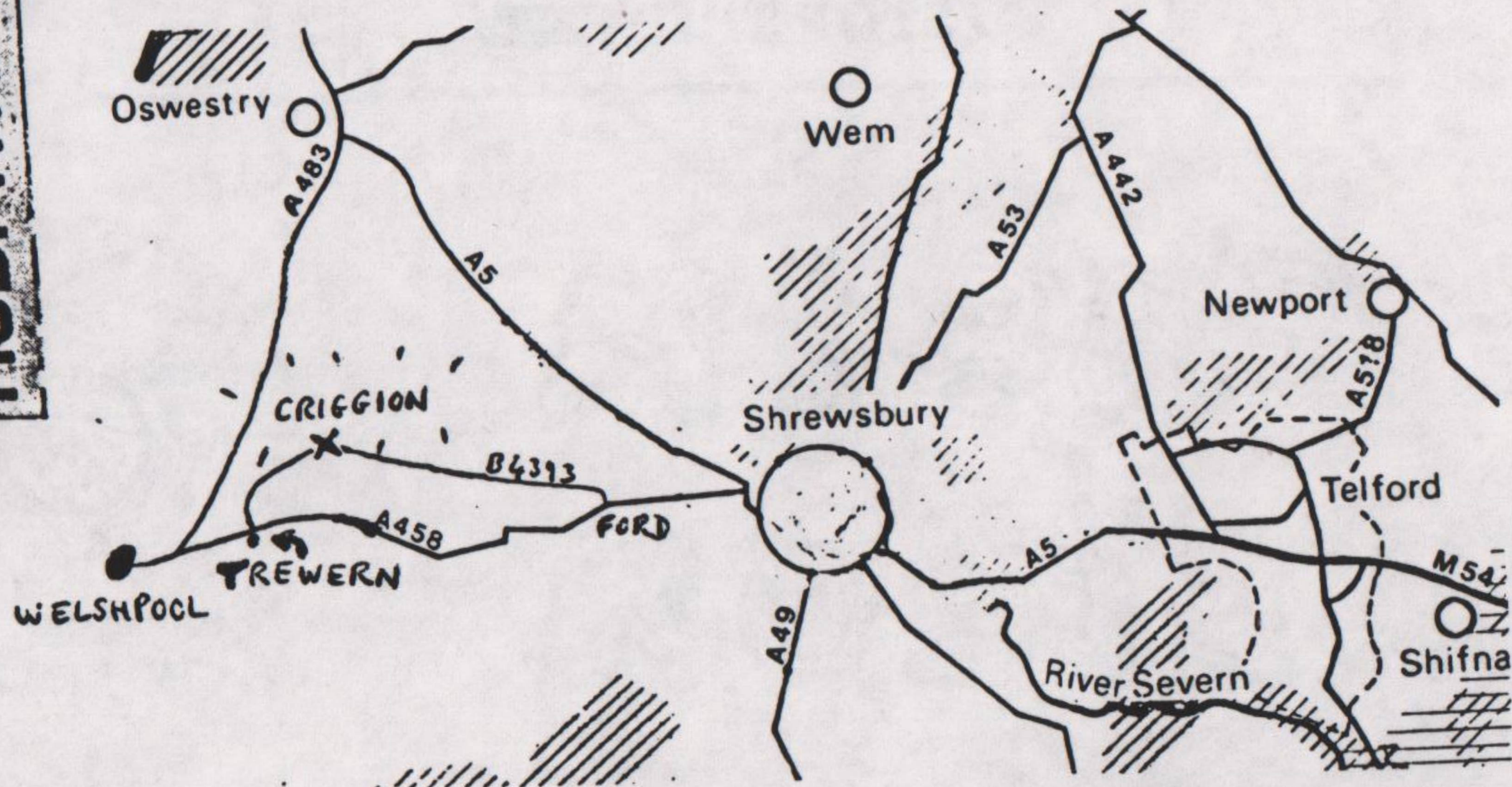
Meet at Criggion at 2 p.m. for a short rally and to decorate the fence.

There will be a meeting on March 12th in Llanymynech to finalise arrangements. Laurens (Tel: 641852) will know the details after this meeting.

We are hoping to take several cars to the event, please contact Laurens for details of lifts available, or to offer lifts. **↳ TELFORD 641852**

We will be collecting and/or making items to decorate the fence on March 28th (see diary).

**TRIDENT
= 500
HOSPITALS**



YOUTH CND GROUP?

In the last Chain Reaction there was an insert list of projects which TANG hopes to carry out this year. One was the painting of a mural on a wall, the location of which is in process of agreement with Wrekin Council.

A number of young people and others are getting together to plan, design and paint the mural. There may well be more than one. A planning session has already been held in February. Viv at 95 Burford is the contact person on this. BROOKSIDE

It is also hoped that a Youth CND group can grow out of this project. Caris Jackson is the contact for this, on Telford 588982. Caris will be happy to hear if you are interested. You don't have to be an artist as there will be different projects.

NO NUKES HERE!

Madeley Parish Council has just voted to designate the Madeley area as a nuclear free zone. TANG welcomes this initiative, although a popular reaction may be 'What for?' After all, there is hardly a concentration of nuclear sites in the parish. And what influence can a parish have anyway?

First and foremost, it is a statement of what people stand for (and solidarity with Wrekin Council which also has a nuclear free zone policy).

Second, one never knows whether nuclear materials (power or weapons) are transported through the parish. Of course, this is not publicised even if it happens, but if anything does come to light then there is a local elected organisation to speak on behalf of the parish.

In the early 1980's there were many hundreds of nuclear free parish councils across the country. Broseley was one such council.

Does any Madeley (or other) reader have comments or suggestions?

ASHES TO ASHES

You know the two spectacular warehouse fires at Donnington Ordnance Depot in 1983 and 1988 (who could forget, especially in asbestos-laden Wellington)? Well, according to the army, both warehouses were due for replacement anyway at the time of the respective fires. Add the fact that no one knows how either fire started, then it's hardly surprising that rumours arise.

This local feeling was reflected recently during a reception of councillors and others to meet the new Ordnance Depot commander. The conversation between an Independent councillor on Wellington Town Council, George Evans, and the commander apparently went something like this:

George Evans: "You might let us know when the army is planning to pull down the next warehouse, so that we're ready for the next fire!"

Commander: "You can't seriously be expecting me to answer a question like that."

George Evans: "I'm not expecting you to give me a serious answer, but I do think you ought to consider why the vast majority of people in Wellington, even those most friendly to the base, would like to have such an answer and are not satisfied with official statements about the fires and think there is something being hidden."

European NATO Countries: defence spending as a percentage of GDP

→	Greece	6.6%	←
	U.K.	4.3%	
	Turkey	4.2%	
	France	3.8%	
	Norway	3.3%	
	Portugal	3.1%	
	Netherlands	3.0%	
	West Germany	3.0%	
	Belgium	2.9%	
	Italy	2.4%	
	Spain	2.2%	
	Denmark	2.2%	
	Luxembourg	1.3%	

Source: Statement on the Defence Estimates 1989.

CND SUPPORTER DIVE-BOMBED

It is common for peace activists' stories of harassment to be dismissed as paranoia, but who is being paranoid here? On Wednesday February 7th there was a Royal Naval exhibition of helicopter proficiency at the Dane Bank F.E. college in Crewe, at which Mike Gallacher of Whitchurch CND teaches. Mike had written to his college objecting to the indoctrination of kids that this exhibition involves and got anti-Trident leaflets to hand out at the school as a token response.

Was it coincidence, therefore, that the helicopter team which came was also booked at the village school next to the Gallacher's smallholding, that soon after 10.30 that morning a Royal Navy helicopter started circling the Gallacher's cottage which they had decided to use as a demonstration target? (It appears that naval rules forbid the use of schools themselves as targets for fear of accidents which might kill all the children, but permit the use of a nearby house, where only one or two people's lives might be endangered, as their targets.)

When Mike's wife, Julia, went out of their cottage to see what was happening it twice dived to just above her head. It landed and took off repeatedly in a field belonging to the school just by the cottage. The noise was clearly audible over the 'phone when Julia rang me at 10.50am. The helicopter left the area at about 12 noon.

Laurens Otter

THE GREEN TEST

Many Chain reaction readers will have noticed that TANG member Robert Saunders stood for the Green Party in the European elections last year, and like the rest of the Greens, obtained a good proportion of the votes.

Robert is now standing for the Greens in the the Mid-Staffordshire by-election to be held in mid-March. It'll be the first test of the Greens in a domestic election since their good showing last year. We'll be watching with interest.

DIARY

- Wed Mar 7th
7.30 pm
Chain Reaction Meeting.
6, Myford Cottages, Horsehay
- Tue Mar 13th
7.30 pm
Telford F.O.E. Meeting
Fletcher Memorial Hall, Madeley.
(Contact: Hilary Betts, Tel: 505547)
- Sun Mar 18th
1.30 pm
Hilda Murrell Memorial Walk
The Nature School, Maengwnedd
- Wed Mar 28th
7.30 pm
**Making items to decorate the fence at
Criggion on March 31st.**
16 Linley Drive, Stichley Park.
ALL VERY WELCOME
- Wed Mar 28th
- Fri Apr 13th
Lenten Witness, Service, NVDA and Vigil
Christian CND, 22/24 Underwood St.
London N1 7JG
- Sat Mar 31st
International Day of Action against Trident
Action at Criggion, see loose leaf insert.
- Wed Apr 2nd
7.30 pm
Chain Reaction Meeting.
6, Myford Cottages, Horsehay
- Sat Apr 22nd
Earthday 1990
Join groups from more than 60 countries.
Theme: **Common Resources - Common Security.**
- Wed Apr 25th
7.30 pm
**How to persuade your friends and others of
the anti-nuclear case.**
16 Linley Drive, Stichley Park.

CHAIN REACTION CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send or give your letters or articles , in whatever form, to any of the following:

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Peter Nias, 48 Victoria Road, Madeley . Tel: 587532
Laurens Otter, College Farm House, Mill Lane,
Wellington. Tel: 641852

Deadline for the next issue: 7th March